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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement set forth in the Office Action of October 7, 2008, Applicants hereby elect Species I shown in Figs. 1-5, 7 and 8 of the present application. It is submitted that claims 1-27 (i.e., all of the claims currently pending in the application) read on the elected species. Because no claim is amended or canceled herein, a listing of claims is not needed.

The election herein is made with traverse for two reasons. One reason is that the examiner has misallocated the Figures of the present application to the two identified species.

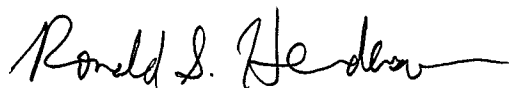
The examiner contends that species I is shown in Figs. 1-5 and that species II is shown in Figs. 6-8. However, Fig. 6 shows an alternative arm 274 which may be included in the equipment support in lieu of the arm 174 which is shown in Figs. 1-5. However, Figs. 7 and 8 again show arm 174 in the equipment support, not arm 274. Thus, it is believed that Figs. 1-5, 7 and 8 are the Figures that are properly associated with species I. The second reason that the election is made with traverse is because there could not possibly be any burden of examination whatsoever placed on the examiner, let alone an undue burden, in connection with the very subtle differences in the shape between arm 174 and arm 274. Not a single claim pending in the present application attempts to include language that is directed to these subtle differences in shape. The difference between arm 174 and arm 274 is that cantilevered portion 304 of arm 274 has slightly more curvature than cantilevered portion 204 of arm 174. There is only one paragraph in the Detailed Description section of the present application (see page 8, lines 23-28) that discusses Fig. 6 and the subtle differences in shape between arms 174, 274 is not even articulated in that paragraph.

It is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. If there are any questions or comments that would speed prosecution of this patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (317) 231-7341.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and that shortages in fees, if any, be charged, or any overpayment in fees credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435 with reference to attorney docket no. 7175-79466.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald S. Henderson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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